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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

TAKESHI SAITO ET AL : GROUP ART UNIT: 2152

SERIAL NO: 09/035,995 :

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FOR: DATA TRANSFER CONTROL  
DEVICE, RELAY DEVICE AND  
CONTROL DEVICE SUITABLE  
FOR HOME NETWORK  
ENVIRONMENT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to an action on the merits, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-19, 21-23, 30-36 and 39-92 without prejudice.

Please amend Claims 20, 24-29, 37 and 38 to read as follows:<sup>1</sup>

20. (Amended) A data transfer control device for controlling transfer of audio/visual data to a receiving node connected with a local network from a transmitting node connected with a global network, the data transfer control device being connected between the local network and the global network and comprising:

an establishing unit configured to establish a connection in the local network;

<sup>1</sup>A marked-up copy of the amended claims is attached.